

Amherst 30. 3rd mo 70

Dear Sir,

I thank thee sincerely for thy kind invitation. I fear it will not be in my power to be with you at the Y. M. as my health seems hardly equal to the effort at present to go so far.

I unite with thee in strong desires that the Meeting may be an occasion of thanksgiving for the blessing of the Divine Presence. I long for harmonious unity in our Society. We can only have it by love and that

charity which is self-
forgetful, long-suffering, and
tender towards the erring,
and precedes even of others.
The dear Lord does not
want us to quarrel with
each other, on his account,
and he must look with
infinite sorrow & compassion
upon us, when we cherish
unkindness in His name.

I often think of the
dear father, & others of the
old confessions of freedom, in
this day of its triumph. May
we not think that they
rejoice with us?

My friend

John D. Whittier